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2/22/45

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I love you,  
Nina

P.S. Will have a ~~part~~ payday  
about the 28<sup>th</sup> & will  
start to reimburse you.

Love & Kisses,  
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2/27/45

Hello Darling.

Meant to write yesterday,  
but was kept busier than busy  
all day.

Sure hated to see you leave  
Sunday night. I miss you already.

I guess you know, little boy,  
that I love you more since  
you went to Miss. Silly isn't it?  
But truly, I do. They say that  
~~absence~~ makes the heart grow  
fonder. But it wasn't your absence  
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sometimes.

I'm hoping you'll be in  
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over since we went over during  
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you. If I do - I'll go home  
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from work.

I love you very much,  
Nina.

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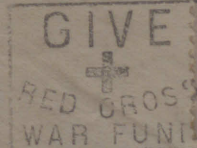
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3-12-45

Hello Stinky:

I'd just like to remind you that you can deduct \$5.00 from my account, on account of I didn't receive that letter today. I just called home to be sure. Of course there is a chance that it will come in the afternoon mail----if so you can add \$5.00 to my account. Okay?

I called Mother yesterday afternoon. Got to talk to little Alfred too. Mother said hello or something like that.

The boss has been gone all day. I've been sitting here thinking all day.

Mrs. Taylor's cold is still no better.

The dog chewed up one of Lady's good bedroom slippers yesterday afternoon.

I'll get paid the 15th and will make another payment on what I owe. Don't worry, I'll get it paid just as soon as I can. I wish I had it to give back to you all in one lump sum, but there's nothing I can do about it.

Washed my hair after you left yesterday and I have a new hair-do. I created it myself.

Well, guess I'd better be on my way.

Miss you, love you,

*Nina*  
Nina



How are my four children?

Bee is of course part of my family and Marjory is getting a carbon copy of this. It will have to be addressed to Brock for he is the one who has written last. What do you do with your time Bob that I do not get so many letters as I used to?

I believe after looking at this letter that apologies are in order. Kathryn is using the good type writer to rattle out her senior theme. And I am also in bed as it is really warmer there. We are having winter weather - Just like snow in Mississippi - one of the states in the warm south!

This evening I have my annual report to write and from the appearance of this it is a good thing that I have a secretary to rewrite it.

That brings up the fact that we are doing a land office business this year. and will continue as we are, now asked to furnish about 10,000 articles for the children in Guam beside something for the 23,000 in the rest of the Mariannas and Marshalls. For once I am afraid that I bit off more than the Juniors can chew. Next week a friend who is working with me and myself are going to the big island to make a tour of all schools possible - at least 40 of them. Wish that you boys were to be over there to ride around with me.

These youngsters that spent there spare time in bed getting ready for a L.A. pass - can't understand it!!! That's alright as long as you write once in a while so that I know you are all alright. I'm very proud that you have made Master do you remember the days that you were just sgt? Loved you just as much then however.

Some day I am going on furlough but not until you boys get home and I can really visit all of you at the same time, Frank will take on weight with all the good food you talked about. But by that time middle age spread will have me in its sparetime anyway so I'll look forward to it. But will I have to help change tires?

Yes K will be in L.A. this fall for a visit with the folks before she goes up to Univ. of Washington. And she will just have to see her two big brothers, she's no small girl any more you will hardly know her.

She and I both had dates to the same formal out at Pearl Harbor last night. Dad is on the big island gets home the night before I go over. Fuss - Harold is on Guam, Gene in Santa Anna and Norman in Wisconsin tho I suppose you know that.

No for the annual report so that I can get my beauty sleep after the struggle last night. Navy is worse than the air corps!

My love to all three of you, and how about my good night kiss?

Mom



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M/lt. J.B. Thornhill  
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Muroc Army Air Base  
Muroc, California



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Sunday night  
Apr. 1, 1946

Hi Darlin,

I'm awfully glad you  
called today. Missed you  
terribly this week-end.

Larry & I went shopping  
Saturday as we both had  
the day off. You may shoot  
me for spending money  
instead of paying you what



I owe you, but since I hadn't  
bought anything for myself since  
last summer - except shoes -  
I bought myself a dress (it's  
not very cute, but all I could  
afford.), shoes, purse, & gloves.  
After I bought them I realized  
I shouldn't have, but guess I  
was just feeling a little sorry  
for myself & couldn't resist.  
I have enough left though



to give you your change from  
the tickets the other night.

Church was beautiful this  
morning. Wish you could've  
been with us. We came home  
this afternoon & washed clothes.  
I washed my hair too.

By the way, please excuse  
this stationery & the pencil, but  
it's all I have here.

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my cold. I guess you'll listen  
next time.

We moved to our new office  
Wed. If you should get in to  
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can call me at Drexel 5236.  
Or call the old no. either &  
the operator will transfer the  
call.

I'm glad you're feeling better



now. Hope you'll be in real soon.

The dog killed a rat & a mouse today. She thinks she's pretty smart now.

Hurry & get well, little boy, & how about a letter. O.K.?

P.S. Here're All my love,  
a few kisses,  
X X X X X O.K.?

Mina



Sunday night  
April 1, 1945

Hi Darlin,

I'm awfully glad you called today. Missed you terribly this weekend.

Lady U I went shopping Saturday as we both had the day off. You may shoot me for spending money instead of paying you what I owe you, but since I hadn't bought anything for myself since last summer – except shoes – I bought myself a dress (it's not very cute, but all I could afford), shoes, purse, and gloves. After I bought them I realized I shouldn't have, but guess I was just feeling a little sorry for myself & I couldn't resist. I have enough left though to give you your change from the tickets the other night.

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All my love, Nina

PS Here're a few Kisses XXXXXX



Mrs. Thornhill  
Box 13-D  
Magnolia, Miss



Via Air Mail  
Correo Aereo!

7/Sgt. James Robert Thornhill  
Sq/H 421st Base Unit

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Magnolia Miss  
Sun. Night.

Dearest Children,

Believe it or not. the Packard is fixed. I drove it home yesterday. It runs just fine. Mr Frasier. said if you had it, he felt sure you wouldn't want to sell it. I thought I'd drive it a few days and put my Ford in the shop for a tightening up job but I'm afraid some thing might happen to it. I told Roberson, to sell it soon as possible. We will enclose copy of bill. We will get all we can for it and want take less than you paid for it plus this bill. Some man asked Mr Frasier if I would trade it for a 1940 Ford. Betty Jean drove it to a Sr. party yesterday. Think she felt right big driving a Packard -

But, honey, I certainly hope you are feeling much better. I'm glad you went to see your doctor and am anxious to hear what he thinks is your trouble. From what Bob. wrote first I thought the liver shot was what you needed and they would soon pick you up.



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was gutted and the kitchen and Cafe  
burned bad. I went out Sat. to see  
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carry on much longer. And may be  
his program and dreams will be  
carried out. I pray so.

See you later. I love you - oh happy  
Mother -



Magnolia, Miss  
April 23, 1945

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See you later. I love you – oh heaps

Mother



Friday

Dear Mather and all:

Guess what we are out of stationary, but guess this will do. Received your letter this A.M. and glad to hear that everything is going so well. Sure glad Ava and Jess are doing so well. Too bad about Ava but sure hope she doesn't let it happen again. I am about to get well again I have lost all of my smiling and kinder look like myself again. I feel fine but have to stay in bed for two more weeks. Sure be glad to get going again. I don't know whether I will have my job or not when I get ready to go back to work. I want have but a month left to work but could surprise the boy.

Sure glad Sheldon gave Brock that suit. By the way is Lena going to pay him the \$20. a week and is he getting his unemployment pay? Sure hope so far from he needs it. I wish I could say when would be the best time for us to come for the wedding, but it depends on how soon they let me up or etc. I think in 2 weeks I will be able but the doctors don't seem to agree. As soon as I find out something definite I will let him know. Does he have any special date if so let me know and I will try to make my plan meet his.

So you now have a horse on the farm. Sure hope he is a good plow horse for it would sure make it nice for the garden. Sure you will soon have some chickens & stuff before long.

Well we are in the three room apt and sure like it. we have got some painting and cleaning up to do but that is expected I guess. we get this apt with a garage for same price as other which makes it more pleasant. we bought us a Kalgewood bed and sure like it.

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Your kids  
Bob & Bee



Friday, spring 1945\*

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Bob and Bee

\*Bob and Bee were married in January of 1945. It sounds like they were in their second home, so this letter was probably written in the spring of 1945



Wally Thornhill  
Magnolia, Miss.



W/ Sgt. Salnage B. Thornhill  
421 Base Unit Sq. H  
A. A. B.  
Munroe, Calif

AIR MAIL



Aug. 1, 1945

Dearest Oats,

Well, after so long a time  
I'm finally writing you. I  
won't say I've been too  
busy cause I've had oodles  
of time on my hands, but  
I just haven't been in the  
mood. In fact, I've started  
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I've had lots of fun lately,  
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he just drove up so guess I  
better quit writing about him.

I'll close now and write  
again later, not as late as  
it was this time, I promise.  
Write me.

Love ya lots,  
Jen

P.S. This is going to be good.  
Here comes Jack to ask me  
to go swimming and I can't. I  
hope he isn't as hard to convince  
as your Brock.



August 1, 1945

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Love you lots,

Jean

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MOTHER.

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